

Humphreys, A.A.

Office Pacific R.R. Survey
Washington, Aug 1, 1855.

Dear Sir,

I have yours of the 28th ult., and enclose herewith W.M. Pherson's check for the amount of your account, 75 dolls.

I have not yet received the report which you sent me nor the drawings for Capt.

Becker's report. I noticed that the your letter was addressed to the Secretary of War for me. When so addressed it does not come under the franking privilege. Address on the outside to the Secretary of War - Official business - and inside to me - or if you prefer it on the left hand corner outside "Pacific R.R. Ex." but the Secretary of War should be the only person named. If you directed the report & drawings in the same way as the letter it may be lying in the P. O. in Cambridge. Will you have inquiry made for it.

In regard to the accounts for Pope's & Becker's drawings - that for Pope's was received ~~by~~ at the Dept. during the absence of W.M. Pherson

(he was absent from 1st June to past middle of July) and he has only resumed paying accounts within the last four or five days. - He informs me that he sent the check for Pope's drawings to D. Torrey on Friday last (or perhaps Saturday). Capt. Beekwith informs me that he has not received the account for his drawings.

If accounts, say, ~~what~~ for services that I have requested were sent to me (under cover to ferry.) I would follow them up and see that they were paid or explain delays so that there would be no uncertainty. -

I sent a duplicate proof to you of ^{first} part of ~~Beekwith's~~ Capt. report for Beekwith. I am sorry to find you did not receive it. Capt. Beekwith tells me that he has not received the or any further corrected proof from D. Torrey, not at the sanction or yours.

Can you tell me where D. Torrey is? I have written him several times, ^{at least twice} but have received no reply, to business matters. Perhaps he may be too much occupied to answer, or

I wish you would let me have the drawings of both for Stearns's report - It is I am afraid now it is almost too late to carry out the plan of intended publication in connexion with them.

Very respectfully

Truf. yours

Chas. Henshaw

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